



REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate therein the subject matter of allowable claim 2. Therefore, this claim is in condition for allowance. Claims 3-19 have been allowed.

There remaining no issue at bar, allowance of claims 1 and 3-19 are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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